W&M Visits Navy, Cavaliers Host VPI in Top Grid Clashes

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William and Mary may be happy to be on the road today, but not Virginia Tech.

That's because the Indians, 2 p.m. homecoming foe for the Naval Academy, have enjoyed a successful road show in their last three games away from Williamsburg.

In addition, the Tribe's most impressive victories this season have come in visits to Virginia (14-0) and Virginia Tech (27-15).

The Gobbler, on the other hand, are aware that "home rule" has prevailed the last four years in their series against the University of Virginia.

It's no wonder then that they don't welcome their trip to Charlottesville today.

A standing room crowd is expected to jam Scott Stadium for the 1:30 kickoff between the Gobbler (3-2) and the Cavaliers (0-5).

The Middle are 1-4, but should provide the Indians with all the opposition they want.

"If we're going to come out a winner, we're going to have to get more consistency on offense than we did last week," points out W&M Coach Jim Root.

That won't come easy, either, because the Middles boast one of the top middle guards in the country in Jeff Sapp.

Primarily given the assignment of blocking the 220-pound All-American candidate is junior center Hank Zimmerman, a 6-foot-3 and 240-pounder.

"That guy (Sapp) is going to cause us problems running and it will be a tough assignment for only one man to block him," concedes Root.

Oddly enough, this appears to be a big game for the Midshipmen.

"We won't be looking past Saturday if I can help it," emphasizes Navy Coach George Welsh. "William and Mary is a lot better than many people thought they would be. I know we're impressed with them and they have an excellent quarterback (sophomore Tom Rozantz)."

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TODAY'S STATE, S.C. SCHEDULE

S.C. Tech at Virginia (1:30 p.m.), William and Mary at Navy (2), East Carolina at Virginia Military (1:30), Richmond at Citadel (7:30). Appalachian State at Furman of Southwest Louisiana (F130), Davidson at American (1:30), VMI at East Carolina (1:30), Western Carolina at East Tennessee (1:30).